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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3218

E.O. 11652: AGDS - DECLAS 7/1/74

TAGS: PFOR, LA, US

SUBJECT: NEW LAO AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

1. PRIME MINISTER HAS STATED PRIVATELY THAT LAO AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, LIEN PRAVONGVIENGKHAM, WILL BE APPOINTED TO REPLACE PHENG NORINDR AS AMBASSADOR TO U.S. SOUVANNA TOLD ADMIN COUNSELOR APRIL 21, THAT HE "HAD DECIDED" ON THE APPOINTMENT. MADAME LA NORINDR, WIFE OF LAO AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW (AND SISTER-IN-LAW OF PHENG), TOLD US THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD INFORMED HER THAT APPOINTMENT HAD "BEEN SETTLED". WHILE SOUVANNA GAVE US NO PRECISE INDICATION OF TIMING, HE IMPLIED THAT APPOINTMENT WAS IMMINENT. THIS APPOINTMENT AND OTHERS TO HANOI, SAIGON AND NEW DELHI WILL PRESUMABLY COME BEFORE CABINET FOR APPROVAL. LIEN PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN WASHINGTON AS COUNSELOR OF RLG EMBASSY (1964-67); WAS THEN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SPORTS AND YOUTH FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE GOING TO PEKING IN NOVEMBER 1972. THOUGH WE HAVE FEW DETAILS, HE APPARENTLY TURNED IN CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE IN PEKING.

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BIO SKETCH IN BIO HANDBOOK FOR LAOS PROVIDES EXPANDED BACKGROUND ON LIEN.

2. MADAME LA NORINDR ALSO MENTIONED THAT HER HUSBAND
IS NOW PLANNING TO REMAIN AT HIS POST IN MOSCOW
PROBABLY FOR TWO OR THREE MOREYEARS. SHE ADDED
CONFIRMATION FROM PRIME MINISTER THAT PHAGNA
OUDONG SANANIKONE, CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL
IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WOULD REPLACE NAKKHALA SOUVANNA-
VONG AS AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON.
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